

Ellwood School News



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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Sycamore Class who achieved the highest attendance this week.

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

Penalty notices have been issued this term. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	89.5%
Chestnut	94.1%
Beech	99.4%
Sycamore	99.7%
Willow	98.8%

SATs

Well done to Year 6, you have all been excellent and have worked so hard, we are so proud of you!

We had a monitoring visit on Thursday (10% of schools are monitored by the Department For Education). The Local Authority came in to school to ensure the tests were administered correctly, as the process is very strict, with heavy guidance. We were commended for our procedures and we had everything completely under control. They were very impressed with our pupils and how calm and happy they were.

Thank you to the staff who have supported the children this week and to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Genner-Morris for all their additional hard work, preparing and supporting the children. The children were great; calm and cool throughout! They went to the forest yesterday afternoon, as a lovely relaxing way to end the SATs tests.

Garden Party

The garden party is taking place on **14th June** from 12:30. Unfortunately the paper made an error this week and have said it is taking place on Wednesday. We will be hosting an Art competition and will be judging the entries on the day. The theme is "The Enchanted Forest". The categories are; Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2. There will be a first prize and a runner up prize in each category and all entries will receive a sparkly pen!



Travelling By Tuba

Years 4, 5 and 6 are going to Clearwell next Friday to watch a Tuba performance. The trip will take place in school time therefore permission is not needed. We have asked for a £1 donation towards the bus. This forms part of the curriculum and is a great opportunity to see a live educational performance.



Achievement Assembly Awards

This week's individual achievement awards were given to the following pupils:



Oak Class - Aimie Roberts & Oscar Edge

Chestnut - Sophie Bridges

Beech - Jamie Chandler & McKenzie Harris

Sycamore Class - Harry Titmus

Willow - Ella Biddington

A big well done to all Year 6 pupils this week for your amazing focus during SATs week!

Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing award was given to the following pupils:

Oak - Aimee Hancock

Chestnut - Aston Cole & Edith Beard

Beech - Mikaela Aston & Millie Hancock

Sycamore - Alexa Hampson



We are proud of your writing achievements!

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Oak - Gavin Wilson

Chestnut - Faith Merrett

Beech - Oscar Johnson

Sycamore - Aiden Beard



Well done!

Courtyard Outside Area

The new courtyard outside Chestnut is looking great, thanks to Miss Abbott and her family. We are just waiting for a playhouse and a new picnic bench to be delivered.



Warm Weather

With the warmer weather here, please ensure children come to school with a sunhat and water bottle. Children may also bring sunscreen to school which they may apply themselves. Please ensure every item is clearly labelled with their name.

Thank you.



Bells Foundation

This week in assembly we were presented with a £500 cheque from the Bells Foundation. Keith from the committee presented the cheque, along with Meg, the Clerk. The cheque will be used towards the cost of the coaches for our whole school trip to the beach. More information about the trip will be given next half term.



The Forest of Dean Baby Bank

We're all familiar with Food Banks, but did you know The Forest of Dean has its very own Baby Bank? The Baby Bank is run by a small number of local parents as a not-for-profit organisation, and aims to help struggling families with emergency supplies of baby goods. You need a referral to be able to use the service which are available from The Forest Foodbank, River Children's Centre in Lydney, St James' Church in Bream, Greensquare, Social Services & any healthcare professional.

You can find out more on Facebook
(@fodbabybank / @fodccc)

Annual Building Inspection

We had our annual building inspection this week. It was very positive and the school, overall, for the particular age of the building is in good condition and we were praised for this. All of our legionella, fire risk assessments, health and safety reports, intruder alarm inspection reports were all up to date, so it was a very positive outcome. It takes a lot of hard work and planning to keep a building like this functional and up to the required standards, so we were very pleased with the outcome. We have a few tasks lined up in the next few months, starting with the holes in the carpark!

Spare PE Kit

If anyone has any spare/old PE kit at home, age 8 or younger, please could you bring it in and give to Miss Rose.



Year 6 Residential Trip

The Year 6's have arrived safely at Manor Adventure! We hope you all have a great time, you deserve it!



Diary Dates

May 2019

Thurs 16th May	-	Year 6 Reward Day
Fri 17th May - Mon 20th May	-	Manor Adventure - Y6
Fri 24th May	-	Break up for half term

June 2019

Mon 3rd June	-	Inset Day
w/c 10th June	-	Phonics Screening / Retest Phonics Screening
Fri 14th June	-	Open Morning/Garden Party